

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

County jobless rates down in 103 counties in May 2014

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 26, 2014) – Unemployment rates fell in 103 Kentucky counties between May 2013 and May 2014, while 11 county rates went up and six counties stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Boone County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.2 percent. It was followed by Kenton County, 5.6 percent, Campbell and Shelby counties, 5.8 percent each; Grant County, 5.9 percent; Gallatin, Oldham and Woodford counties, 6 percent; and Daviess, Fayette, Larue, Simpson and Warren counties, 6.3 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 17.7 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 15.1 percent; Harlan County, 14.8 percent; Leslie County, 14.1 percent; Letcher County, 13.8 percent; Bell and Knott counties, 12.9 percent each; Clay County, 12.7 percent; McCreary County, 12.4 percent; and Pike County, 12.2 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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